

## Topic and Skill Work Session

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### Step 1: **Develop Topic** (skills needed)

1. Define the seeds out of the watermelon (Writer's Workshop terminology) or How to narrow the focus of your topic.
2. Develop questions for your project
  - a. Questions for facts
  - b. Questions that probe deeper that might include "why" and "how"
3. Who is your audience and how will you present the information to be interesting for them?
4. Collaboration and Compromise
5. How to comment and ask questions
6. Selecting information from your sources that is important
7. Brainstorm
8. Know when it is time to ask for help.
9. Skills needed to conduct an interview
  - a. Eye contact
  - b. Listen
  - c. Audio record in order to go back and review
10. Web literacy
  - a. Note-taking
  - b. Creating outlines
11. Take a risk

12.sustaining curiosity (perseverance) and being able to justify/defined your interest and methods i.e. "convince me"

Step 2: **Dive into Topic**

Step 3: **Share what you learned**

1. Share in a way that is clear and interesting to the audience
  - a. Show Me, video, poster, mobile, etc.
2. What have you learned?